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SUMMARY: REFTEL REQUESTS ANALYSIS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR TARGETING MOST EFFECTIVELY OUR FUTURE EFFORTS WITH LDCS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT KEY TO THESE EFFORTS SHOULD BE INCREASED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH LARGER BUT SELECT NUMBER OF LDCS INCLUDING SENEGAL. WHILE SENEGAL UNLIKELY LEAVE LDC CONSENSUS AT THE 30TH UNGA, WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE WILLING WORK FOR MODERATION WITHIN THAT CONSENSUS IF IT PERCEIVES US POLICY AS CONCILIATORY. WE COULD ENCOURAGE THAT MODERATION THROUGH CONSULTATION. ANY CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE WITH SENEGALESE LEADERS AT UNGA OR ELSEWHERE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, THAT SENEGALESE INCREASINGLY TEND JUDGE US INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY IN TERMS ITS RESPONSE TO COMMODITY ISSUE AND OTHER ECONOMIC STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS RAISED AT DAKAR COMMODITIES CONFERENCE AND ENUMERATED PARA 5 REFTEL. SENEGALESE DISCOUNT AS IRRELEVANT OR INSUFFICIENT SUCH ELEMENTS OF US POLICY TOWARD LDCS AS GENERALIZED PREFERENCES, SPECIAL GATT ARRANGEMENTS AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. SENEGAL AND OTHER LDCS, WHILE NOT COMPLETELY DISILLUSIONED WITH RESULTS OF DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND PROSPECTS OF GREATER DEVELOPMENT THROUGH AID FLOWS FROM DCS, REALIZE SUCH AID FLOWS WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR THEIR NEEDS. IN THIS CONTEXT, SENEGAL, LIKE OTHER LDCS, PLACES INCREASED STRESS ON OBTAINING BETTER PRICES AND GREATER SECURITY FOR ITS EXPORTS. PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS MADE CLEAR THAT SENEGAL REGARDS READJUSTMENT OF TERMS OF TRADE IN FAVOR OF LDCS AS A MATTER OF JUSTICE AS WELL

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AS ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. HE APPARENTLY FEELS SAME WAY ON OTHER PROVISIONS PROPOSED BY LDCS TO CHANGE WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURE.

2. SENEGAL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GENERALIZED PREFERENCES OFFER ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE FOR SENEGAL AND MOST AFRICAN STATES TO MOVE TOWARDS MEETING THESE DEMANDS. IN EYES OF SENEGAL AND MANY LDCS, GATT NEGOTIATIONS DESIGNED

MORE TO IMPROVE SITUATION OF ALL COUNTRIES THAN TO CORRECT
INEQUITIES IN DC-LDC TRADE RELATIONS, EXPECIALLY SINCE LDCS
DO NOT CONSIDER QUESTION OF TARIFF BARRIERS TO BE MAJOR
ITEM ON THEIR BILL OF PARTICULARS. SIMILARLY, WE BELIEVE
THAT WHILE SENEGALESE SUPPORT WORLD FOOD PROGRAM DEVELOPED
AT ROME, THEY DO NOT REGARD IT AS SPEAKING TO THESE
DEMANDS.

3. THUS, IF SENEGAL CONCLUDES US NOT SHOWING FLEXIBILITY
ON LDC DEMANDS SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED PARA 5 A-G REFTEL A,
WE EXPECT US RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL TO BE ADVERSELY
AFFECTED IN NEXT YEAR OR TWO. SENEGAL IS ALREADY
CONTRASTING FELEXIBILITY OF EEC IN NEGOTIATING REVENNNE
GUARANTEES FOR COMMODITY EXPORTS OF THEIR ACP PARTNERS IN
RECENT EEC-ACP CONVENTION WITH INFLEXIBILITY OF US AT
SUCH CONFERENCES AS UNIDO MEETING IHTLIMA AND FRENCH-
SPONSORED PRODUCER-CONSUMER PREPARATIORY
MEETING IN PARIS. ON OTHER HAND, IF SENEGAL PERCEIVES
US AS MOVING TO MEET SOME OF LDC DEMANDS IT WOULD STRENGTHEN
OUR RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL AND CHANCE GOS WOULD ARGUE
FOR MODERATION IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER RAW
MATERIAL SUPPLIERS TO DETERMINE LDC CONSENSUS ON ISSUES
OF INTEREST TO US. OUR TACTICS, TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH
SENEGAL WILL, THEREFORE, HAVE TO INCLUDE SOME REAL
CONCESSIONS AND MUST ALSO SHOW WHENEVER POSSIBLE A SPIRIT
OF CONCILIATION.

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4. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEREFORE, WE DOUBT SERIOUSLY THAT
WE CAN GAIN LDC SUPPORT FOR THESIS THAT PROGRESS MUST
BE DIRECTED TOWARDS GREATER PRODUCTION OF WEALTH RATHER
THAN REDISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING WEALTH (PARA 6A II REFTEL).
FOR MANY LDC'S WHO ARE CONVINCED OF UNFAIRNESS PRESENT
SYSTEM OF WORLD TRADE, SUCH AN AFFIRMATION BY US WOULD BE
CONSIDERED TANTAMOUNT TO A DECLARATION OF CONFRONTATION.
IT WOULD NEEDLESSLY LIMIT OUR OPTION TO USE ELEMENTS
OF OUR TRADE POLICY INSTEAD OF AID TO EFFECT RESOURCE
TRANSFRERS FROM DC'S TO LDC'S. BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE EASIER
TO DEAL WITH SENEGAL AND OTHER LDC'S IF OUR COMMODITY
POLICY STRESSES MATTERS SUCH AS ASSURED SUPPLIES,
STABILITY OF PRICES, AND SETTING COMMODITY PRICES
WHICH WILL PRODUCE LONG TERM EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN SUPPLY
AND DEMAND. WORKABLE AGREEMENTS ON COMMODITY PRICES MIGHT
INCLUDE NO REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH, OR SLIGHT REDISTRI-

BUTION IN FAVOR OF LDC'S BUT ACCEPTABLE TO DC'S THUS ACHIEVING OUR GOAL WITHOUT NEEDLESSLY CONFRONTING LDCS ON QUESTION OF REDISTRIBUTION OF WALTH.

5. HOWEVER FAR US IS TO GO IN MEETING LDC DEMANDS, IT ESSENTIAL, IN OUR OPINION, THAT BILATERAL CONTACT BE INCREASED WITH INDIVIDUAL LDCS TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ISSUES. BY CONFINING OUR CONTACTS TO UNGA AND MEETINGS OF UNCTAD, UNIDO, ETC. WE MAY NOT BE REACHING HEADS OF STATE, FINANCE MINISTERS AND OTHER KEY DECISION MAKERS WHO OFTEN DO NOT ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. MOREOVER, AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO PENETRATE OR DISTURB LDC CONSENSUSES OR REGIONAL ONES (SUCH AS OAU). WE BELIEVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AT REASONABLY HIGH LEVEL IN WASHINGTON OR INDIVIDUAL LDC CAPITALS CAN PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL LDC TO PURSUE ITS OWN CONCERNS AND NEEDS IN RELATIONS WITH DCS RATHER THAN TO FOLLOW MORE RADICAL LDC NON-ALIGNED LEADERSHIP.

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6. PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND SENEGALESE OFFICIALS HAVE CONSISTENTLY ESPoused A COOPERATIVE APPROACH WITH REGARD TO LDC-DC ISSUES AND SPECIFICALLY REJECTED CONFRONTATION. AT SAME TIME THEY HAVE GONE ALONG WITH ALGERIAN STEAM-ROLLER AT DAKAR COMMODITY CONFERENCE AND ELSEWHERE. WE BELIEVE THAT SENEGAL WILL NOT OPENLY BREAK LDC RANKS AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. HOWEVER, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT FORTH-COMING US POLICY ON CONCESSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS COULD INDUCE SENEGAL TO WORK FOR MODERATION AND REASONABILITY WITHIN LDC COUNCILS. INCREASED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND US PRIOR TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PROMOTING GREATER UNDERSTANDING OUR VIEWS AND IN CONVINCING SENEGALESE OF OUR GENUINE DESIRE TO FIND SOLUTIONS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO LDCS AND DCS. SUCH CONSIDERATIONS COULD ALSO HELP EDUCATE SENEGALESE LEADERS WHO AT PRESENT TEND TO ACCEPT CERTAIN ALGERIAN POSITIONS ON WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURE WITHOUT FULLY EXAMINING ISSUES INVOLVED.

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